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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of) METHOD FOR PREPARING
Kightlinger et al.) HYDROXYALKYL STARCH
Serial No.: 10/805,762) Attorney Docket: 006401.00466
Filed: March 22, 2004) Group Art Unit: 1623
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2005, please reconsider the application in light of the following remarks and amendments. The claims are set forth beginning on the next page. Remarks begin on the first page following the amendments